

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, March 5, 2018**

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Chris Boutwell, Michael Nelson, and Rich Kuklewicz. Kuklewicz makes introduction and announces meeting is being taped.

**Approve Selectmen minutes of February 26, 2018.**

*Nelson makes the motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2018. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Board of Selectmen will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment**  
None.

**Massachusetts Historic Grant**

**Designate Walter Ramsey as Local Project Coordinator (LPC)**

*Nelson makes the motion to designate Walter Ramsey as the Local Project Coordinator for the Mass Historical Grant. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye*

**Requesting the Board support submission of a Mass Historic Grant Application**

*Nelson makes the motion to support the submission of the Mass Historic Grant Application to the Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye*

**Authorize the Chair to finalize and execute agreement with Chris Sawyer-Laucanno for Phase One (grant preparation) of the Colle Rehabilitation project for the Mass Historic Grant proposal, \$3,000**

*Nelson makes the motion to authorize the Chair to finalize and execute agreement with Chris Sawyer-Laucanno for Phase One (grant preparation) of the Colle Rehabilitation project proposal in the amount of \$3,000. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Chris Mason, Montague Energy Committee**

**Request the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting each adopt a resolution relative to energy policy: "A Resolution Calling on the Massachusetts Legislature to Establish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Pricing to Curb Climate Change."**

*Nelson makes the motion to endorse and put on the Annual Town Meeting the Resolution Calling on the Massachusetts Legislature to Establish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Pricing to Curb Climate Change, and send that to Town Meeting for further discussion. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Special Town Meeting Warrant**

**To review draft March 29, 2018 Special Town Meeting warrant, attached hereto, particularly Article 1, costs related to a new public works facility; and to make recommendations on all items in the warrant; votes may be take**

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*Nelson makes the motion to endorse and add Article 1 to the Special Town Meeting Warrant for March 29, 2018, which reads, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$11,146,762 or any other amount for the purposes of funding architectural/engineering, construction, land acquisition, legal, and furnishing costs associated with the development of a new public works facility to be located on Turners Falls Road in Turners Falls, or to pass any vote or votes in relation hereto." Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

*Nelson makes the motion to add Article 2 to the Special Town Meeting Warrant for March 29, 2018 and also endorse said article, which reads, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$756 or any other amount for the purposes of paying a bill of the prior fiscal year, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**To approve and execute draft March 29, 2018 Special Town Meeting warrant; attached hereto**

*Nelson makes the motion to instruct the Constable to the Town of Montague in the County of Franklin to post the Special Town Meeting with the two Articles as has been read. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Town Administrator's Business**

**Topics not anticipated in the 48-hour posting requirements**

None.

**Executive Session under G.L. c. 30a, S. 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Police Chief).**

The Chair declares that holding this discussion in open session would be detrimental to the Town's position.

*Nelson makes the motion to go into Executive Session under G.L. c. 30a, S. 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Police Chief), and we will be returning to Open Session following said session. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

Executive Session was held.

Regular Session reconvened.

Kuklewicz read aloud the following statement: "The Board of Selectmen and the Town's Police Chief, Charles Dodge, have mutually agreed to the terms of a separation agreement whereby Charles Dodge has agreed to voluntarily resign his employment

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with the Town of Montague. As part of that agreement, Charles Dodge will remain on administrative leave until February 2019, but will have no active or passive role in the management of the Police Department and will have no authority in this role. Lieutenant Chris Bonnett will continue to serve as the department's interim Chief until further notice. The Board of Selectmen will now begin taking affirmative steps to appoint a permanent Police Chief. The Town will produce copies of the parties' separation agreement and respond to valid public requests submitted to the Town in writing."

*Nelson makes the motion to affirm the agreement that was agreed to in Executive Session that involves the separation with Charles Dodge. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

*Boutwell makes the motion to adjourn. Nelson seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye.*

**Documents and Exhibits:**

- Minutes of February 26, 2018
- Agreement with Christopher Sawyer-Laucanno for consulting on Colle Building MPPF Grant and Rehabilitation, \$3000
- Draft Resolution on the Massachusetts Legislature to Establish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Pricing to Curb Climate Change
- March 29, 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant
- Separation agreement with Chief Dodge